

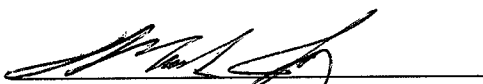
REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Final Office Action dated March 30, 2009, and the references cited therein. Claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-29 are presently pending. Applicants have amended the claims solely in response to the Section 112, paragraph 2 rejections for the purpose of presenting the claims in their best form on appeal. Applicants traverse each and every one of the present rejections over the prior art. The Final Office Action's broad interpretation of particular claim elements (e.g., chained) is unreasonable in view of the well-defined meanings set forth in the specification (and would be understood by those skilled in the art at the time of the invention) and confirmed by Applicants' Remarks in the previous response to office action. The rejections over the prior art will be addressed in Applicants' Request for Pre-appeal Brief Request For Review and/or Appellants' Appeal Brief.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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